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1. Billeting equipment of the engineer unit in the Delius Kaserne, Potsdam (U 53/Z 63).

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25X1B and loaded on a train there by a detail of soldiers with black-bordered black epaulets in the afternoon of 3 July 1951. Source learned from Soviet soldiers that the shipment was bound for the Elbe River. Sections of wooden barracks from the quarters at Koenigswald, where components of the engineer unit concerned were located, were also hauled to the station on

25X1B and loaded

25X1C the same day. At noon on 3 July, soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets took over the guard duty at the engineer quarters in the Delius Kaserne.

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2. A motor column leaving the Hohenlohe Kaserne toward the Halle-Leipzig autobahn on the morning of 5 July

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25X1B and towing medium AA guns, an undetermined number of 25X1B fully loaded ration supply trucks. The trucks towing 25X1C AA guns were manned by crews of 12 to 16 men who wore red-bordered black 25X1B epaulets with artillery insignia.

25X1B was seen moving from the direction of Potsdam toward the Hohenlohe Kaserne on 7 July. Each truck carried 10 to 12 soldiers wearing red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia, and eight of the trucks towed 37-mm AA guns in addition.

3. A column of 10 trucks, 25X1B and eight trucks with 25X1B moved toward the autobahn from the direction of Medlitz via Michendorfer Chaussee on 6 July. Each truck was occupied by 12 soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets with artillery insignia.

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4. Loading operations at the Potsdam railroad station continued from 5 to 11 July, and the following materiel was entrained:

5 July. Trucks and 85-mm AA guns, apparently model 44.

6 July. Billeting equipment and furniture which arrived at the station from the direction of Medlitz on trucks driven by soldiers who wore red-bordered black epaulets.

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7 and 8 July. Billeting equipment which was brought to the station [REDACTED]

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10 and 11 July. Billeting equipment and furniture of a whole school which arrived on vehicles [REDACTED] from the direction [REDACTED]

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of Werder and on vehicles [REDACTED]

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[REDACTED] from the direction of Nedlitz. [REDACTED]

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5. The billeting site of the engineer troops at Koenigswald was vacated and opened to civilian traffic on 5 July. All shelters and wooden barracks buildings had been disassembled and trucked away. Also, all boats and billeting equipment had been hauled to the Potsdam freight yard on 20 trucks, [REDACTED]

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6. On 5 July, the quarters of the engineer unit in the Delius Kaserne were vacant and guarded by artillerymen from the same installation. The entire billeting equipment and the machinery from the workshops of the engineer unit had been entrained at the Potsdam freight yard by 10 July. [REDACTED] 25X1C

7. During the night of 5 July, 112 more recruits arrived at the artillery unit in the Delius Kaserne so that the number of recruits there totalled 300. They wore black-bordered red epaulets and, according to the supply sergeant, had come from Wildpark. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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8. Two trains were being loaded at the Potsdam freight yard in the afternoon of 7 July. The first train carried 18 AA guns of about 100-mm and 35 trucks [REDACTED] The second train, which was still in the process of being loaded, carried 18 AA guns of about 100-mm and 30 trucks. [REDACTED] 25X1C

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9. Entraining operations at the railroad stations of Potsdam and Potsdam-Wildpark were continued between 5 and 9 July. In detail, the following troops and materiel were entrained:

5 July at Potsdam-Wildpark. Troops, wearing red-bordered black epaulets, black-bordered red epaulets and black-bordered black epaulets on 15 boxcars; furniture, and billeting equipment on 18 boxcars; and trucks, field kitchens, timber and other bulky goods on 23 flatcars.

6 July at Potsdam-Wildpark. Three bulldozers were at the loading ramp.

7 July at Potsdam. Troops, on 15 boxcars; and trucks, field kitchens, tank trucks, 3 small amphibious cars and ambulance [REDACTED] on 10 boxcars and 6 flatcars. [REDACTED]

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9 July at Potsdam. Officers' dependents on 4 boxcars; motorboats, pontoon sections, billeting equipment [REDACTED] on 20 flatcars and 18 boxcars.

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The materiel was brought to the railroad stations on the following trucks:

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10. The process of vacating the engineer quarters in the Delius Kaserne and the officers' billets in the apartment houses south of the installation was completed by noon of 9 July. All that remained in this barracks section was a guard detail and three trucks which were parked in the yard. 25X1C

11. A convoy of trucks carrying about 100 officers and EM wearing red-bordered black epaulets, including some with artillery insignia, left the artillery quarters in the Delius Kaserne in the afternoon of 6 July. 25X1B

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12. The units in the Ruinenberg Kaserne on the south side of Pappelallee started moving out on the morning of 9 July. Biliating equipment and gasoline barrels were loaded at the Wildpark railroad station, while 7 trucks. 25X1B

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13. Troops and materiel loaded at the Potsdam railroad station on a train of 22 flatcars and 23 boxcars on 10 July included an undetermined number of troops and officers' dependents, biliating equipment, 13 trucks. 25X1B

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Comments.

- (1) The information confirms previous reports on the entraining of both the unidentified engineer regiment of the COFC from the southern section of the Delius Kaserne and elements of the 2d Gds AAA Div from the Hohenlohe Kaserne as stated in paragraph 2. All of the six sources of the present report stated that the loading process started on 2 July 1951. The fact that, according to the present report, the engineer regiment took along officers' dependents, machinery, and disassembled wooden barracks from its camp at Koenigswald, is suggestive of the unit's reassignment from the Potsdam to the Bernburg military post. 25X1A
- (2) The trucks towing AA guns of the 2d Gds AAA Div probably also entrained rather than leaving the city by road.
- (3) Same source reported the arrival there of about 110 MGs and EM from Wildpark on 28 June 1951. 25X1A
- (4) According to the vehicle numbers, the column mentioned in paragraph 2 belonged to the 2d Gds AAA Div and those mentioned in paragraph 3 and 12 to the unidentified artillery division in Potsdam.
- (5) The departure of the units in the Ruinenberg Kaserne is reported for the first time.

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